

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Mark Thomas Holtzapple et al.  
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Examiner: Beisner, William H.  
Title: **METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR PRETREATMENT  
AND PROCESSING OF BIOMASS**

**MAIL STOP - AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In response to the election/restriction requirement mailed January 11, 2007, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments set forth below and request favorable action thereon.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.